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## **REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments above and the comments set forth fully below. Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-13 have been allowed and Claims 4, 5 and 7 are objected to. By the above amendments, Claims 4 and 7 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 are now pending in this application.

## **Objections To Claims:**

Within the Office Action, Claims 4, 5 and 7 have been objected to because of certain informalities. Specifically, Claims 4, 5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a canceled base claim. By the above amendments, Claim 4 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 1 and Claim 7 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 6. Claim 5 is dependent upon Claim 4. Accordingly, Claims 4, 5 and 7 are dependent upon pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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